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(Addressed to a Guardian Angel)

BY WORD SEE.

Spirits all glorious  
Spirit of light,  
Hovering over us  
In the dark night.  
Where are thy plinies?  
Whence is thy light.  
Travelling sinuous  
Over the far height?  
Seest thou all of us?  
Scattered afar?  
Doest thou not call to us  
From thy bright car?  
Spirit so fairy-like?  
Dwelling above?  
Oh, for thy life!  
Teeming with love!  
We would hasten to thee  
Spirit so true!  
Show us the way to thee  
Through the dark blue:  
Mould us and fashion us  
Unto the right:  
Lead us to mansions of  
Beauty and light.  
See st thou all of our  
Striving for gain?  
Know st thou all of our  
Sorrow and pain?  
Bearst thou love for us?  
Mid our deep grief,  
Acting the dove to us  
Of peace and relief?  
Doest thou not send to us  
Scintillations of truth?  
Doest thou not send to us  
In our glad youth—  
Joyfully teaching us  
Of the pure way.  
Hopefully reaching us  
Ever we stray:

Have thou no joys for us  
Leaving no dearth.  
Never destroying us  
Like those of earth?  
Art thou caressing us  
In our sweet dreams.  
Happily blessing us  
When it so seems?  
Ever thy tarrying  
Weary must be,  
Earthly toll carrying.  
Longing to see  
Dawning of better life.  
Breaking so free.  
Which no battle strife  
Ever can see.  
Spirit of summer-land.  
Spirit of health.  
One of that loving band  
Whose love is wealth—  
Give us thy innocence  
Changing the soul.  
By thy sweet influence's  
Loving control.  
Spirit of either bright,  
Spirit so kind.  
Pour thou that deeper light  
In the mind.  
Rendering nature's plan  
Radiantly clear.  
Scattering every band  
Of ignorant fear.

A Happy New Year.

BY ANNA J. MCKENNA.  
A silent form quite bare and old  
Is cradling past us in the cold.  
And murmuring 'neath its mantle's fold.  
"Thus am I cast away."

Cheer up, old year, we'll think of you  
When you have faded from our view.  
Even when we're welcoming the new.  
We'll pause and sadly say:  
"Hours of sweetest joy are gone,  
Hours when happiness alone  
Made in some hearts a fitting throne,  
But all things good must end."

"Yet there are some to whom you gave  
Sorrow's own symbol—a lonely grave—  
From many a heart do loved ones crave."

"Peace to our absent friend."

"Farewell, old year, your end is nigh,  
At midnight hour they say you'll die  
And leave your wealth with one last sigh  
To your next of kin so dear."

To every fireside on earth  
Where sorrow can give place to mirth.  
And be it rich or little worth.  
I wish a Happy New Year.

Proctor's Theatre, West 33d Street, New York.

Mr. Neil Burgess with his splendid company in "The County Fair" has been testing the capacity of this popular playhouse for the past few weeks, and now that the end of his engagement is approaching the demand for seats is, if possible, greater than ever. The great race scene is the important event of the entertainment, and the audiences are as enthusiastic over the spirited struggle between the seven splendid Kentucky racers as was ever a grand stand full of spectators over the Suburban Handicap. "The County Fair" differs from the average comedy drama in the fact that it possesses a great amount of dramatic merit, and the auditor, instead of being obliged to sit through three acts of insipid dialogue and unimportant situations, is delighted from the opening scene in the quaint old New England farmhouse to the great Fair scene in which the race occurs. The play is full of keen interest, and the brilliant flashes of wit gleam through delicate touches of pathos that frequently bring tears to the eyes. "The County Fair" closes its second successful season at this house with the performance of January 7th, when Proctor's Theatre will be devoted to the exploiting of a new amusement idea.

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, December 26.

Did Speaker Crisp find in his Christmas stocking something from Mr. Cleveland? It is said here that he did, and that it was nothing less than the assurance of the President-elect that he neither had nor expected to have a candidate for Speaker of the next House, and would be pleased to see Mr. Crisp re-elected. Neither those who are regarded as confidential friends of the Speaker, nor those who enjoy the same relations with the President-elect will talk for publication about this reported endorsement of Mr. Crisp's candidacy; but it is known that a movement has been engineered by mutual friends of the Speaker and of the President-elect, the sole object of which was to bring about that endorsement and avoid the fight which has seemed to be impending over the Speakership of the next House. Mr. Crisp went to New York this week, it is said, upon Mr. Cleveland's invitation.

It was this movement which brought out the announcement several days ago that 140 of the 217 Democrats elected to the next House had informally declared their preference for Mr. Crisp for Speaker. It is said that this announcement was made as a final argument towards convincing Mr. Cleveland that it would be good policy for him to endorse the candidacy of Mr. Crisp, and that he had been assured before that Mr. Crisp was willing to pledge himself to be guided in tariff and financial matters by his advice.

Representative Springer, who will probably continue at the head of the House Ways and Means Committee, if Mr. Crisp is re-elected Speaker, unless the talk of having the Committee assignments made by caucus, as in the Senate, shall materialize into a rule, has already jumped down on the Cleveland side of the tariff fence, by declaring himself in favor of a general tariff bill, instead of a number of bills each attacking single clauses of the tariff, such as were passed by the House at the last session.

The attempt to get up some excitement in Administration circles because of the alleged violation of a treaty between Great Britain and this country prohibiting either nation placing war-ships on the great lakes was not a shining success. It was agreed generally that even if Canada's armed revenue cutters are properly classable as war-ships we would have no good reason to complain, for the very simple reason that the Treasury and Navy Departments have the plans already drawn for two revenue cutters, and the bill appropriating the money to build them has been passed by the Senate, for service on the great lakes, which, when completed, will be as distinctly war-vessels as any in our navy.

It is a matter for general congratulation that partisan politics has been kept out of the immigration question. The House and Senate committees are practically of one mind, and the different bills approved, one by the Senate and the other by the House committee—one suspending immigration for one year, and the other authorizing the President to suspend it whenever and for as long as he deems necessary—have precisely the same end in view. These committees are also taking advantage of the holiday recess to obtain more immigration information. They appointed one joint sub-committee to go on an investigating tour to Cuba, and another to confer with Treasury officials having charge of immigration. The news that cholera has again broken out in Hamburg adds to the importance and to the certainty of this legislation.

It is expected that silver will occupy a prominent place in the deliberations of Congress almost as soon as the recess is over. A strong effort is now being made, supported by all the influence of the Administration, and also by all the influence that Mr. Cleveland can command, to bring about the repeal of the Sherman Silver Law, or at least a suspension of the purchase of silver bullion. Senator Stewart is authority for the statement that any change except that to the free and unlimited coinage of silver will be fought by the silver men; he has a free-coining amendment to Senator Hill's bill, providing for a repeal of the Sherman Law, now pending in the Senate, and, as the amendment will have to be voted on first, the Senate will have an opportunity to vote for free coinage if the bill is called up. Senator McPherson's resolution providing for a suspension of the purchase of silver bullion will probably be the first in the field. The petitions from Eastern bankers, now pouring into Washington, asking that the purchase of silver be suspended, are having a contrary effect to that intended by those who send them.

Notwithstanding the extraordinary efforts that are being made by its opponents to form combinations to side-track the Anti-Option Bill without voting upon it, Senator Washburn assured your correspondent that he felt certain it would be passed before January 15.

Mr. Blaine has slowly improved for several days, although the improvement is hardly marked enough to base expectations of his ultimate recovery upon.

J. P. Scherff has for sale Grandmother's Compound Herb Tea for coughs, colds, constipation and liver troubles. Try it, 35cts—Advt.

## AT THE CHURCHES.

First Presbyterian.

The Rev. H. W. Ballantine, D. D., pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday-school at 12 m. Strangers cordially welcomed.

Westminster Presbyterian.

New Year's services at 10:30 a. m. In the evening the church will be closed on account of the Union Service in the First Church.

German Presbyterian.

Sunday services: Preaching by the pastor, the Rev. H. W. Seibert, D. D., at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday-school at 2:15 p. m. Prayer meeting, Tuesday at 8 p. m. Young People's Society, Friday, at 8 p. m. Young Men's Christian Association, meets on Thursday evening at 8 p. m.

First Baptist Church.

Rev. Charles A. Cook, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m., 7:30 p. m. Subject in the morning, the pastor will preach the annual sermon on the Motto text of the year, "Our Unpossessed Possessions." In the evening the congregation will join in the Union Service.

First Ridge Congregational.

The Rev. F. J. Goodwin, pastor. Services next Sunday will be as follows:

New Year's morning prayer meeting at 9:30 a. m. Regular morning service at 10:30 a. m. Sunday-school at 3 o'clock.

The evening service will be omitted, the church uniting with the churches of Bloomfield in the Union Service at the First Presbyterian Church.

Christ Episcopal.

The Rev. Edwin A. White, rector. Litany, Sermon and Celebration of the Holy Communion 10:30 a. m. Sunday-school choral service in the church 3 p. m. Evening Prayer with sermon 7:30 p. m. Friday, Epiphany celebration of the Holy Communion 7:30 p. m. Evening Prayer 4 p. m.

Church of the Sacred Heart.

The Rev. J. M. Nardello, pastor. First Mass and sermon, 7:30 a. m. High Mass and sermon, 10:30 a. m. Sunday-school 3 p. m. Vesper service, 7:30 p. m.

The "Drawing Cards" Return.

There will be a regular housewarming at Waldbauer's next Monday, for it will mark the return engagement of the famous Fields & Hanson Drawing Cards, the great vaudeville show, whose owner and director-manager, Jno. Fields, makes his home at Newark. This organization was the one that opened here late in August and made such a hit. Not content with having it good, Manager Fields has actually made his show in one season the best. It will be remembered that there were about twenty-five celebrities in the original company, and this time there are seven additional stars and five new acts. Among the most prominent are Miles Agnes, Charcot, the great lady hypnotist; Al Reeves, the famous banjoist and comedian; Moran and Murphy, hurricane burlesque pugilists, and by special arrangement this organization will be the first to introduce to American audiences Mons. Jean Levis, the English clown and his wonderful trick donkey "Nip" in act appropriately entitled "Ten minutes with Barnum." There will be beyond question packed houses all week to see Newark's home vaudeville, Fields & Hanson's Drawing Cards.

A Lost Opportunity.

Last Sunday morning the houses of two of our fellow townsmen were entered by burglars. Some of the neighbors were awakened by unusual sounds, but did not feel sufficiently certain of what was going on to give the alarm. One more opportunity of capturing or driving off the organized band of burglars operating in Glen Ridge recently was thus lost. It will be best to give agreed alarms on the slightest suspicious, and if directions are followed these villains will soon be driven into the arms of our efficient police.

Montclair People Disturbed.

Montclair people are often disposed to laugh at the disposition manifested by Bloomfielders to become excited over political matters, and the numerous teapot tempests that frequently agitate this town afford much amusement to our neighbors on the west. The laugh is on the other side of the line now. The whole township of Montclair, from Eagle Rock to Aquacknock, is now in the violent throes of an exciting warfare in which politics plays an important part.

The Razor Slipped.

George W. Frear, the Broad Street jeweller, met with a painful accident on Monday morning. He was engaged in stropping a razor when the blade slipped and cut off the top of the thumb on his left hand. Mr. Frear suffered considerably from loss of blood. A physician dressed the cut.

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